

Keynote Bio's

Dr Patti Agatston is co-author of the book, *Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age* with Robin Kowalski, Ph.D., and Susan Limber, Ph.D that was recently published by Wiley - Blackwell Publishers. She is also co-author of the *Cyber Bullying Curriculum for Middle and High School Students*. Dr. Agatston is a nationally certified trainer and technical assistance consultant for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. She has been quoted in articles on cyber bullying in Time Magazine and Good Housekeeping Magazine, and has appeared on local and national radio and television to discuss cyber bullying. She was a participant in the CDC's Expert Panel on Electronic Media and Youth Violence, and has presented nationally and internationally on cyber bullying. Dr. Agatston is a Licensed Professional Counselor with the Cobb County School District's Prevention/Intervention Center in Marietta, Georgia. A founding board member for SafePath Children's Advocacy Center in Marietta, Georgia, Dr. Agatston received the Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention's VIP Award in 2005.

CAPT Stephanie Bryn, Director of Injury and Violence Prevention Programs for the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau facilitates technical assistance and education/training and provides vision and leadership for injury and violence prevention programming. CAPT Bryn oversees the Children's Safety Network (CSN) Resource Centers. She is the Project Officer for HRSA's Stop Bullying Now! Youth Media Campaign focused on families, tweens aged 9-13 years, teens, health care providers, school personnel, parents/families, tweens, and teen organizations, faith-based and other professional organizations. CAPT Bryn oversees the work of the MCH National Child Death Review (CDR) Resource and Policy Center that provides education and training and technical assistance to State CDR Coordinators and health and safety professionals focused on protecting infants, children and adolescents and the prevention of childhood injury and death.

Dr. Nicki Crick is Director and Professor at the Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota and the Director of the Center on Relational Aggression. She received her Ph.D. in 1992 in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and has received several other professional honors including the Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology from APA (2002), the Boyd McCandless Award from APA (1995), a Faculty Scholars Award from the William T. Grant Foundation (1995-2000), and a FIRST award from the National Institute of Mental Health (1995-2000). She is also a Distinguished McKnight University Professor and a Birkmaier Professor of Educational Leadership. She served as an associate editor for *Merrill-Palmer Quarterly* from 1999 – 2000 and is currently an editorial board member for *Development and Psychopathology*, and *Social Development*. Her research focuses on the antecedents, correlates, and consequences of relational and physical aggression and victimization across the life-span. She is particularly interested in the role of gender in development and social-psychological adjustment. Nicki's newest research initiatives include work on both psychophysiology and with war-affected youth in northern Uganda.

Michael Dorn is an international authority who will address bullying with power, passion, conviction and certainty. Michael serves as the Executive Director of Safe Havens International Inc., a non profit school safety center whose analysts have worked in more than two dozen countries. During his 25 year public safety career, Michael served as a campus police officer, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and school district police chief. He was then appointed as the School Safety Specialist for the State of Georgia and later as the Lead Program Manager of the Terrorism Emergency Preparedness Division of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security. Michael was selected as the top school safety expert by Jane's, the British intelligence, defense and security publisher after an international search. Michael is a graduate of the FBI

National Academy and has received extensive antiterrorism training in the United States and in Israel. Having authored and co-authored 25 books on school safety, Michael is regularly interviewed by national and international media organizations including *NPR*, *20/20*, *CNN*, *Good Morning America*, *ABC*, *NBC*, *CBS*, *Time Magazine*, the *New York Times*, the *London Times*, *Unavision* and *Tokyo Broadcasting*. Michael has captivated audiences from Virginia to Vietnam with his powerful and unforgettable presentations.

Dr. Bernard James is Professor of Constitutional Law at Pepperdine University. A graduate of the University of Michigan, where he obtained both his undergraduate and law degrees. Dr. James teaches courses in Federalism, Individual Rights, First Amendment, Education Law and State Constitutional Law. He also teaches education law to doctoral candidates at the Pepperdine Graduate School of Education. Dr. James specializes in constitutional matters, serving as the First Amendment Contributing Editor on the *ABA Preview Journal* which reviews the cases of the United States Supreme Court. He also writes for the *National Law Journal* on first amendment matters. He lectures in America and Canada on legal issues and serves as a constitutional law commentator for the national and local media. Dr. James serves as a senior consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice where he recently published *Sharing Information: A Guide to FERPA and Participation in Juvenile Justice Programs*. He has served as the Special Counsel to the National School Safety Center. He also wrote the curriculum while serving as a legal advisor and instructor in the United States Departments of Justice COPSinSchools program. He is the past California Chairman of the National Organization of Legal Problems in Education [NOLPE] and has also taught at the National Criminal Justice Institute at the University of Louisville.

Susan Limber, PhD., MLS, is a faculty member within the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life and Professor of Psychology at Clemson University. She is a developmental psychologist who also holds a Masters of Legal Studies. Dr. Limber's research and writing have focused on legal and psychological issues related to youth violence (particularly bullying among children), child protection, and children's rights. She directed the first wide-scale implementation and evaluation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in the United States, coordinates training for the program in the North and South America, and co-authored the *Teacher Guide* and *Schoolwide Guide* for the Olweus program. Dr. Limber is the co-author of the book, *Cyber Bullying: Bullying in the Digital Age*, as well as many other articles on the topic of bullying. Since 2001, she has provided consultation to National Bullying Prevention Campaign, supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Limber is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, and in 2004, she received the American Psychological Association's Early Career Award for Psychology in the Public Interest.

Dr. Gary Namie is a pioneer and one of the foremost authorities on Workplace Bullying in the world by virtue of the Workplace Bullying Institute he directs, and the eight content-rich websites, precedent-setting research, books, work with employers, the legislative campaign for anti-bullying laws, and public education through over 700 media appearances including the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Business Week*, Today Show, Good Morning America, and radio across North America. He serves as an expert witness, having testified in the nation's first "bullying trial" in Indianapolis upheld by the Indiana Supreme Court in 2008.

Peter K. Smith is Professor of Psychology and Head of the Unit for School and Family Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London, U.K. He received his B.Sc at the University of Oxford and his PhD from the University of Sheffield. He is co-author of *Understanding Children's Development* (Blackwell, 1988, 1991, 1998, 2002), co-editor of *School Bullying: Insights and Perspectives* (Routledge, 1994), *Tackling Bullying in Your School: A Practical Handbook for Teachers* (Routledge, 1994), *The Nature of School Bullying* (Routledge, 1999), *The Family System Test* (Routledge, 2001), *Blackwell Handbook of Childhood Social Development* (Blackwell, 2002), editor of *Violence in Schools: The Response in Europe* (Routledge, 2002), and co-editor of *Bullying in Schools: How Successful can Interventions be?* (Cambridge UP, 2004). He directed the Sheffield Anti-Bullying project (1991-94), advised on the government pack *Don't Suffer in Silence* (1994, 2nd edition 2000), and coordinated European Commission funded projects 'The Nature and Prevention of Bullying' (1997-2001) (www.gold.ac.uk/tmr) and 'Violence in Schools' (1999-2002) (www.gold.ac.uk/connect). He chaired the Research and Advisory Group of the Anti-Bullying Alliance (2006-08), and is currently (2007-2009) a partner in

a DAPHNE project 'An investigation into forms of peer-peer bullying at school in pre-adolescent and adolescent groups: new instruments and preventing strategies'.

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Mary A. Baird is the President and CEO of The Ophelia Project, and has been involved with the organization since its inception in 1997. Baird received her master's degree in health education and remains committed to promoting the health and well-being of children and adults across the country. She is responsible for directing all facets of The Ophelia Project, including management of all Ophelia programs and administrative activities, assisting with the coordination of national fundraising, public relations and marketing efforts and working collaboratively with The Ophelia Project's board of directors.

Tony Baker, President/Founder of Life Changing Solutions Incorporated is a dynamic speaker with over 15 years experience as an educator and mental health professional. He has a B.A. in Sociology and will have an M.S. in Mental Health Counseling (2008). Tony has hosted his own radio talk show which dealt with real-life challenges faced by today's youth, families, and communities. He has been accredited and sought after by educators, churches, mental health professionals and parents to present because he connects with today's youth.

Warren, J. Blumenfeld, Ed.D. is an Assistant Professor in the department of Curriculum and Instruction at Iowa State University specializing in Multicultural and International Curriculum Studies; & LGBT Studies. His numerous publications include: *Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price*; *Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life*; and *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice*. He has made over 100 presentations on social justices issues internationally.

Thomas Burger, Ph.D., LCSW: is a clinical social worker in private practice since 1992 working extensively with adolescents and families. Tom also is a school social worker for 16 years and works for Eastern Suffolk BOCES on Long Island, NY. He has worked with both high school and middle school children, school personnel and parents. Utilizing an eclectic approach to dealing with issues that impact children and their families; Tom specializes with issues such as violence prevention, anger management, self-esteem, and communication skills.

R.M. Cooper, Ph.D., is a social scientist for the Research Institute for Studies in Education (RISE) and an instructor of research and evaluation courses for the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Iowa State University. Dr. Cooper's research focuses on stress(ors) in the environment that impact student persistence, well-being, and holistic development all of which have implications for a successful education experience.

Richard W. Cole, Esq., is a *Civil Rights and Safe Schools Consultant* from Boston, Massachusetts. He was Assistant Attorney General and Civil Rights Division Chief in the Massachusetts Office of Attorney General. Richard is a highly successful and skilled civil rights litigator. He assists and trains educators and law enforcement throughout the country on promoting school safety, race relations, and equity, and addressing bullying, harassment, and hate crimes in schools and cyberspace. He co-chaired the federal-state effort resulting in the U.S. Department of Education's publication, "*Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime--A Guide for Schools*." He co-chaired the "*Massachusetts Safe Schools Initiative*," a multidisciplinary collaboration to address bullying, harassment, and hate crimes in schools. As a United States Information Agency consultant, Richard advised the attorneys general, police and military leadership, and human rights advocates in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal on employing effective civil rights enforcement and advocacy strategies.

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Stan Davis, School Counselor, Author, Bullying Prevention Consultant

As a therapist and social worker, Stan has worked as a therapist with abused and grieving children and trained Child Protective Workers. He designed and implemented training for a network of rape crisis centers and helped police develop interventions for domestic abuse. In 1985 he became a school counselor. Since the mid-1990s he has put his energies toward helping schools prevent bullying. He has trained schools all over the United States. Stan's work has been featured in national newspaper and radio and on a special 20/20 report on bullying with John Stossel. He is the author (with Julia Davis) of *Schools Where Everyone Belongs: Practical Strategies to Reduce Bullying*, now in a second (2007) edition from Research Press and *Empowering Bystanders in Bullying Prevention* (Research Press, 2007).

Jim Dillon has been the principal of Lynnwood Elementary School in the Guilderland Central School District in upstate New York for sixteen years and a school administrator for twenty years. He is the author of the Peaceful School Bus program facilitator's guide published by Hazelden. He is a certified Olweus trainer and has implemented the program in his school for six years. In 2007 he was named the Capital Region's Principal of the Year. He has also received an award for Leadership in Character Education. He has presented at various State and local conferences and to many schools and organizations.

Brian Donnelly has spent the vast majority of his working life working with some of the most challenging and excluded children in Scotland. He began working in a residential school for children with epilepsy where he spent 2 years before leaving to work in a number of Glasgow's residential children's units. Brian did this for 11 years progressing to manager in a number of settings. He moved to the voluntary sector where he was instrumental in the design and development of an alternative to secure care residential and fostering service. Brian spent over 3 years doing this and developed a very robust model of Care Planning and Behaviour Management Training. He also achieved his Registered Managers qualifications in Health and Social Care in this time. Brian took up the post of Director of respect^{me} the Scottish Government funded anti-bullying service in January 2007.

Chivon H Fitch holds a B.A. in Psychology from Penn State University and an M.A. from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She has served in administrative roles at a University research center and The Ophelia project. In addition to these roles, she has also worked as a research consultant for a number of organizations and clients. Chivon's areas of expertise include Statistics, Research Methodology, and Social Inequalities.

SuEllen Fried co-authored *Bullies and Victims*, 1996; *Bullies, Targets and Witnesses*, 2003; *30 Activities for Getting Better at Getting Along*, 2005 and founded BullySafeUSA in 2004. Fried served as Chairman of the Board, Prevent Child Abuse America, 1980-82, and continues to serve as board member. She's worked with over 80,000 students in 36 states and conducts workshops/ training seminars across the country. She has appeared on the Today Show, MSNBC, and was featured on the A&E documentary, Bill Kurtiss Reports - *Bullied to Death*.

Susan R. Graham is the Director of Education Liaisons with Child Focus, Inc. Susan is responsible for planning and coordination to advance school-based mental and behavioral health services throughout the Clermont County Ohio. Susan has over fourteen years of experience working with children and families in Clermont County including: outpatient Case Management, Clinical Case Management in a partial hospitalization program, volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and facilitating Adventure Therapy at the Safe Adventures R.O.P.E.S. course. She also worked as the Coordinator of School-Based Services for over two years at the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Susan has earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development from Michigan State University and her Masters of

Education in Agency and Community Counseling from Xavier University. Additionally, she completed the Post-Master's Clinical Counseling Endorsement Program at Xavier University. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Ohio. She is currently pursuing a dual-doctorate degree at the Clayton College of Natural Health, earning her Doctorate in Natural Health and her Ph.D. in Holistic Nutrition.

Rebekah Heinrichs works as an educational specialist in autism spectrum disorders and bullying prevention. She has both a master's degree in pediatric nursing and in special education with a focus on autism spectrum disorders. Rebekah has worked as a certified parent educator with the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program and is a trained community facilitator with the Adults and Children Together (ACT) Against Violence program. She is the author of *Perfect Targets: Asperger Syndrome and Bullying: Practical Solutions for Surviving the Social World*. Rebekah speaks nationally and internationally on educational, social, and bullying issues with a special focus on how they relate to children with autism spectrum disorders and other exceptionalities. She also facilitates the [Asperger Information Website](#), which provides information to individuals on the autism spectrum and to the parents and professionals who advocate for them. This website includes a newsletter, [The Target](#), and a discussion board, [Asperger Information Discussion Forum](#).

Valerie LaMastro, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, and works as a prevention specialist with the Rowan University Center for Addiction Studies.

Deb Landry is a children's author and certified parenting coach specializing in social awareness behaviors and character education. She has authored and produced several children's books, interactive mentoring plays, and educational short films on character education, social awareness, and bullying prevention. Deb is the founder, President/CEO and former Executive Director of Crossroads Youth Center, a Maine based non profit performing art based after school program with over 500 youth participants. As a freelance writer and blogger for Raising Maine Magazine and E-zine, Deb shares her expertise through lectures, workshops, books, drama, author visits, and her parent coaching practice. With recognition and several awards for her work, including an Amazon bestselling children's book *Sticks Stones and Stumped*, Deb has been interviewed and featured on NBC, CBS, national radio, and several publications including USA Weekend Magazine, Raising Maine Magazine, Seventeen Magazine, Women's Day Magazine, and Child Magazine.

Lynne Lang holds a B.S. in Communications and M.S. in Health Management and has been a writer, trainer and national presenter on violence prevention since 1994. She works for BJC HealthCare as part of a hospital-based school outreach program in St. Louis, Missouri since 1998. She developed curriculum that now annually reaches more than 10,000 students K-12 and the adults who impact their lives. Lang has also worked with SuEllen Fried, founder of BullySafe USA, to co-author "*30 Activities for Getting Better at Getting Along*," They are currently researching the connection between sibling bullying and peer bullying. Lang is also working to complete her certification as an Olweus trainer.

Butch Losey is the Director of Training for Child Focus. He has over 20 years experience in the mental health field and has worked in a residential psychiatric setting, partial hospitalization program, school-based mental health, case management, and individual, group, and family counseling. He is a licensed professional counselor. He is a member of the Clermont County Crisis Response Team, has worked for the Clermont County Suicide Hotline, and is Past President of the Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association. He is a doctoral candidate at the University of Cincinnati in the Counselor Education Program. Butch is a nationally certified Olweus Bullying Prevention Trainer with Clemson University and is a certified Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor through the Crisis Prevention Institute.

Nancy Mullin, M.Ed. is recognized for her work in the field of bullying prevention and for her strong commitment to integrating research into educational practice. Formerly head of the Project on Teasing and Bullying at Wellesley Centers for Women, Ms. Mullin currently directs Bullying Prevention Inc., an

independent consulting firm, and is also a Program Director for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Group. She regularly provides consultation and training to school districts, parents and community groups about bullying prevention issues; trains and mentors Olweus trainers; and conducts research. She also has extensive experience developing curriculum and training materials (including new Olweus BPP program and training materials; *Quit It!: A Teacher's Guide on Teasing and Bullying for Use With Students in Grades K-3*; *Selected Bibliography About Teasing and Bullying for Grades K-8*; *Relational Aggression and Bullying: It's More Than Just A Girl Thing*; and empathy curriculum materials for early childhood settings).

Jean Sunde Peterson, Ph.D., coordinator of school counselor preparation at Purdue University, was a classroom teacher and teacher-training educator for many years prior to her second career in counseling and counselor education. A licensed mental health counselor with considerable experience counseling gifted youth and their families, she conducts workshops in areas related to her practitioner-oriented research: academic underachievement, cultural values as related to identification for special programs, prevention-oriented school counseling, group work, listening skills for teachers and parents, and social and emotional development of high-ability students. She is author of *The Essential Guide to Talking with Teens* and *The Essential Guide to Talking with Gifted Teens* and is co-editor of *Models of Counseling Gifted Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults* and *Portrait and Model of a School Counselor*, among over 80 publications. She has won national awards for research and group work and Purdue awards for teaching, research, and service.

Jane Riese, MSW, LSW, is the Director of Training for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. A prevention educator since 1982, Jane helped to pilot the early Olweus Trainers certification process and assisted with coordination of the first U.S. Olweus Training of Trainers held in 2001 in Pennsylvania. Jane and colleagues co-authored the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Schoolwide Guide, CD and DVD and are co-contributors to the Teacher Guide, CD and DVD, released by Hazelden Publishing in June 2007.

Randy Ross, M.S., M.A. is Senior Equity Specialist at the U.S. DOE-funded New England Equity Assistance Center at Brown University, Providence, RI. Ms. Ross provides technical assistance and professional development on bullying and harassment, school climate, policy development, and cultural competence. She is also an Adjunct Lecturer at the Smith College School of Social Work. Previously, Ms. Ross was at the NJ Office of Bias Crime and Community Relations, where she initiated and was Coordinator of "New Jersey Cares About Bullying," a state-sponsored campaign. She has taught, trained, or served as administrator from pre-school to post-graduate levels. She received her BA and MA in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley and MS in Educational Leadership from Bank Street College of Education, New York City. She has written numerous articles for magazines, journals, and newsletters, and has led over 200 workshops on issues related to her career and ethical concerns.

Marlene Snyder, Ph.D., is the Director of Development for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life, Clemson University. Dr. Snyder is a co-author of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Programs' Schoolwide Guide, and Teacher Guide and related CDs and DVDs. She serves as a national international consultant in the areas of bullying prevention and intervention, education and mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice issues. Dr. Snyder is the founding President of the International Bullying Prevention Association.

Randy Wiler was one of the first 20 people in the United States selected by Dr. Dan Olweus to become a national consultant/trainer for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Group and is considered an expert in the identification and recognition of bullying behaviors. He recently wrote "Ask the Expert" responses for Law Enforcement for the National Stop Bullying outreach. Randy was awarded the Distinguished Services Award to Families and Children at the 1999 Kansas Governor's Conference, and the 2001 Wheat State Crime Prevention for outstanding crime prevention efforts and was selected as the International DARE Officer of the year in 2006. He helped found the International Bullying Prevention Association and served as the vice-president of that association for two years.